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**Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
**Washington, D.C. 20554**

**Re: WT Docket No. 01-309**  
**HAC Digital Wireless Telephones**

## **Third Semi-Annual Report**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This report is filed pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph Nos. 89 – 91 of the Commission's *Report and Order (WT Docket No. 01-309)*, FCC 03-168, released August 14, 2003 ("R&O").

Cable & Communications Corporation d/b/a Mid-Rivers Cellular (Mid-Rivers) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a rural area telephone cooperative. Mid-Rivers currently provides Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS), an analog technology, over Cellular Radiotelephone Service Block B spectrum in eastern Montana and has plans to upgrade the system to a digital technology. Mid-Rivers is also the licensee of Block F PCS spectrum in Montana.

To achieve compliance with the Hearing Aid Compatibility ("HAC") requirements of the *R&O*, Mid-Rivers is literally at the mercy of the handset manufacturers to develop and market HAC-compliant digital wireless handsets. As a small, Tier III wireless carrier, Mid-Rivers has no influence over the product development and distribution decisions of wireless handset manufacturers; and, accordingly, Mid-Rivers must rely on the manufacturers to develop HAC-compliant digital wireless handsets for use on its system.

Given the foregoing, the information requested by the Commission follows:

**Item 1 -- Digital Wireless Phones Tested:** Mid-Rivers has not tested any digital wireless telephones for HAC compliance.

**Item 2 -- Laboratory Used:** None. *See response to Item 1.*

**Item 3 -- Test Results For Each Phone Tested:** Not applicable. *See response to Item 1.*

**Item 4 -- Identification Of Compliant Phone Models and Ratings According To ANSI C63.19:** Upon information and belief, none of the handsets marketed by Mid-Rivers meets the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19.

**Item 5 -- Report On The Status Of Product Labeling:** None. It is anticipated that product labeling will be handled by the handset manufacturers.

**Item 6 -- Report on Outreach Efforts:** Mid-Rivers is developing a hearing aid compatibility information sheet to assist hearing impaired customers in selecting current model phones and accessories most suitable to their needs and in selecting new HAC-compliant phones as they become available. We will make sure that our sales and customer service personnel are knowledgeable in this area and understand how best they can help people who use a hearing aid.

**Item 7 -- Information Related To Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:** Upon information and belief, there are currently no handsets commercially available that meet the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19.

**Item 8 -- Information Related To Incorporating Hearing Aid Compatibility Features Into Newer Models Of Digital Wireless Phones:** The incorporation of HAC features into newer models of digital wireless telephones will be determined and accomplished by the handset manufacturers.

**Item 9 -- Any Activities Related To ANSI 63.19 Or Other Standards Work Intended To Promote Compliance With The Requirements Of The Commission's Report and Order:** None at this time.

**Item 10 -- Total Numbers Of Compliant And Non-Compliant Phone Models Offered As Of The Date Of This Report:** Upon information and belief, there are currently no handsets commercially available that meet the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19. Although our Block B cellular system provides analog service only at this time, we do offer dual-mode (analog-digital) handsets to those of our customers who use digital service when roaming in other service areas. All models have some enhanced capability of use (t-coil capability) with hearing aids. These are as follows:

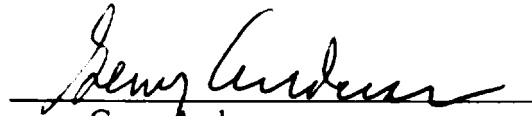
Motorola models V120e, T731, T720, V60i, E310 and C343; and Nokia model 3586i

**Item 11 -- Any Ongoing Efforts For Interoperability Testing With Hearing Aid Devices:** Interoperability testing will be performed by the handset manufacturers.

Very truly yours,

**Cable & Communications Corporation  
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By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerry Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

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Dated: May 5, 2005

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